

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants have cancelled claims 54, 57-60, 64-68, 71-85, 87-88, 90-97, 99-108, 110, 112-116, 118-119, 121-122, 124-125, and 127-131. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-53, 55-56, 61-63, 69-70, 86, 89, 98, 109, 111, 117, 120, 123, and 126 will be pending.


Following entry of this amendment, 69 total claims will be pending, including 3 independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the additional claim fee due as a small entity is reduced to \$1,225.

Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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